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ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1210

DIGEST OF HB 1210 (Updated February 20, 2008 4:16 pm - DI 71)

Citations Affected: IC 20-28.

Synopsis: Teacher certification. Allows an individual who has failed the teacher licensing examination at least two times to demonstrate proficiency by having the individual present verification to the department of education that the individual has: (1) successfully completed all other requirements of a teacher education program; (2) attained certain grade point averages; and (3) demonstrated a successful student teaching experience; as well as submitting letters of recommendation from certain faculty members.

Effective: Upon passage.

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(SENATE SPONSORS — SIPES, ROGERS)

January 14, 2008, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.
January 24, 2008, amended, reported — Do Pass.
January 28, 2008, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.
January 29, 2008, engrossed. Read third time, passed. Yeas 67, nays 29.

SENATE ACTION

February 4, 2008, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.
February 21, 2008, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2007 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-28-5-12, AS ADDED BY P.L.246-2005,
2 SECTION 163, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 12. (a) Subsection (b) does not
4 apply to an individual who held an Indiana limited, reciprocal, or
5 standard teaching license on June 30, 1985.

6 (b) The department may not grant an initial standard license to an
7 individual unless the individual has demonstrated proficiency in the
8 following areas ~~on~~ **through** a written examination, **through**
9 **certification under section 13(c) of this chapter**, or through other
10 procedures prescribed by the department:

11 (1) Basic reading, writing, and mathematics.

12 (2) Pedagogy.

13 (3) Knowledge of the areas in which the individual is required to
14 have a license to teach.

15 (4) If the individual is seeking to be licensed as an elementary
16 school teacher, comprehensive reading instruction skills,
17 including:

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(A) phonemic awareness; and

(B) phonics instruction.

(c) An individual's license examination score may not be disclosed by the department without the individual's consent unless specifically required by state or federal statute or court order.

(d) The advisory board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to do the following:

(1) Adopt, validate, and implement the examination or other procedures required by subsection (b).

(2) Establish examination scores indicating proficiency.

(3) Otherwise carry out the purposes of this section.

(e) The board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 establishing the conditions under which the requirements of this section may be waived for an individual holding a valid teacher's license issued by another state.

SECTION 2. IC 20-28-5-13, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 13. (a) ~~This section~~ **Subsection (b)** applies to an examination required for teacher licensure under this chapter.

(b) If an individual does not demonstrate the level of proficiency required to receive a license on all or a part of an examination, the examination's scorer must provide the individual with the individual's test scores, including subscores for each area tested.

(c) This subsection applies to an individual who is not an individual with a disability that might affect test performance. An individual who has failed one (1) or more sections of the Praxis I examination may request a proficiency review under this subsection by submitting the following to the division:

(1) Verification that the individual has:

(A) successfully completed all other requirements of a teacher education program, including demonstrating competence in the Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium standards, as verified by the individual's Indiana licensing advisor at the teacher education program or an equivalent individual at an out-of-state teacher educational institution;

(B) attempted each section of the Praxis I examination that the individual has failed at least two (2) times before applying for a proficiency review;

(C) failed each section of the Praxis I examination that the individual has failed by three (3) or fewer points each time the individual has attempted the section;

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- 1 (D) attempted each section of the Praxis I examination not
 2 more than three (3) years before requesting a proficiency
 3 review;
 4 (E) successfully completed each required section of the
 5 Praxis II examination;
 6 (F) attained an overall grade point average of 2.8 or higher
 7 on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent;
 8 (G) attained a grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0
 9 scale, or its equivalent, in the content area to be listed on
 10 the individual's license; and
 11 (H) demonstrated a successful student teaching experience
 12 by providing:
 13 (i) a letter from the student teaching program
 14 coordinator of the individual's teacher education
 15 program; and
 16 (ii) a letter from the cooperating teacher in the school
 17 corporation in which the individual completed the
 18 student teaching experience.
 19 (2) A letter of recommendation from each of the following:
 20 (A) A faculty member in the individual's content area at
 21 the postsecondary educational institution at which the
 22 individual completed the teacher education program.
 23 (B) A pedagogy faculty member at the postsecondary
 24 educational institution at which the individual completed
 25 the teacher education program.
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SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred House Bill 1210, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, line 37, delete "teat" and insert "test".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1210 as introduced.)

PORTER, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 9, nays 1.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1210 be amended to read as follows:

Page 2, line 18, strike "This section" and insert "**Subsection (b)**".

Page 2, delete lines 24 through 41, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(c) This subsection applies to an individual who is not an individual with a disability that might affect test performance. An individual who has failed one (1) or more sections of the Praxis I examination may request a proficiency review under this subsection by submitting the following to the division:

(1) Verification that the individual has:

(A) successfully completed all other requirements of a teacher education program, including demonstrating competence in the Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium standards, as verified by the individual's Indiana licensing advisor at the teacher education program or an equivalent individual at an out-of-state teacher educational institution;

(B) attempted each section of the Praxis I examination that the individual has failed at least two (2) times before applying for a proficiency review;

(C) failed each section of the Praxis I examination that the individual has failed by three (3) or fewer points each time the individual has attempted the section;

(D) attempted each section of the Praxis I examination not

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more than three (3) years before requesting a proficiency review;

(E) successfully completed each required section of the Praxis II examination;

(F) attained an overall grade point average of 2.8 or higher on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent;

(G) attained a grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in the content area to be listed on the individual's license; and

(H) demonstrated a successful student teaching experience by providing:

(i) a letter from the student teaching program coordinator of the individual's teacher education program; and

(ii) a letter from the cooperating teacher in the school corporation in which the individual completed the student teaching experience.

(2) A letter of recommendation from each of the following:

(A) A faculty member in the individual's content area at the postsecondary educational institution at which the individual completed the teacher education program.

(B) A pedagogy faculty member at the postsecondary educational institution at which the individual completed the teacher education program."

(Reference is to HB 1210 as printed January 25, 2008.)

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred House Bill No. 1210, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is made to House Bill 1210 as printed January 29, 2008.)

LUBBERS, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0.

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